



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Applicant(s): Tanner et al.

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Entitled: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
ENCAPSULATED PRODUCTS

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months for filing this Response was initially set to expire July 25, 2003. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of Three (3) Months, resetting the period for response to expire on October 25, 2003, 2003. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

This Response is accompanied by Fee Transmittal document, in duplicate, for the necessary and appropriate fees associated with this Response.

This Response is also accompanied by a copy of corrected drawings as required by the Examiner.

Reconsideration of this application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and accompanying remarks set forth below.

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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 and end on page 4.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 and ends on page 7.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.